

REMARKS

Reconsideration of all grounds of objection and rejection in the pending Office Action, and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1-10, as shown above, remain pending herein. Claim 11 has been added to recapture claimed matter after correcting an improper multiple dependency from claim 10.

(1) The specification has been amended to overcome all the objections stated in the Office Action. (2) The objections to claims 6 and 10 are now overcome, as claim 6 was amended to recite the full words of the abbreviation “OOV” and claim 10 has been rewritten into a dependent claim without multiple dependency. Claim 11 has been added and support is found in originally filed claim 10, which was split into two dependent claims by this amendment.

Applicants have also amended the claims to remove element reference numerals and have replaced “characterized in that” with “wherein”.

(3) Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants have removed the phrase “especially when” from this claim. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this ground of rejection are respectfully requested.

(4) Claims 1 to 6 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) in view of Klakow (“Selecting Articles from the Language Model Training Corpus”). This ground of rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants have amended base claims one and eight to recite that the reduction of the corpus take place **until a predefined criterion is met**, support for which is found in the specification at least at page 4, lines 25-26.

It is respectfully submitted that the Klakow article fails to disclose or suggest that reduction takes place of the corpus until a predefined criterion is met.

For at least this reason, reconsideration and withdrawal of this ground of rejection are respectfully requested. Applicants also note that the priority application antedates Klakow and the Applicants are in the process of obtaining a certified translation for submission.

(5) Claims 7 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly anticipated by Ramaswamy et al. (U.S. 6,188,976, hereafter “Ramaswamy”). Applicants respectfully traverse.

(6) Claims 1, 2, 5/1, 5/2, 6/5/1, 6/5/2, and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ramaswamy in view of Bandara et al. (U.S. 5,899,973, hereafter “Bandara”). Applicants respectfully traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the presently claimed invention is distinguishable over the combination of Ramaswamy and Bandara at least because instant base claims 1 and 8 recite that the corpus reduction continues **until a predefined criterion is met**. All of the other rejected claims are believed to be patentable at least for dependence on one of claims 1 or 8. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this ground of rejection are respectfully requested.

(7) Claims 3, 4, 5/3, 5/4, 6/5/3, and 6/5/4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ramaswamy in view of Bandara and further in view of Klakow.


Applicants respectfully submit that the combination still fails to disclose or suggest that the corpus decreases until a predefined criterion is met, for reasons previously indicated. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this ground of rejection are respectfully requested.

For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all the present claims are patentable in view of the cited references. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Piotrowski
Registration No. 42,079

Date: November 26, 2003

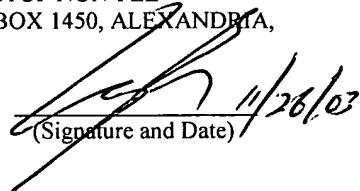

By: Steve Cha
Attorney for Applicant
Registration No. 44,069

Mail all correspondence to:
Dan Piotrowski, Registration No. 42,079
US PHILIPS CORPORATION
P.O. Box 3001
Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510-8001
Phone: (914) 333-9624
Fax: (914) 332-0615

Certificate of Mailing Under 37 CFR 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENTS, COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA. 22313 on November 26, 2003.

Steve Cha, Reg. No. 44,069
(Name of Registered Rep.)


(Signature and Date) 11/26/03